

## ICES Requirements Summary

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## **DESCRIPTION OF CHANGE**

Currently, ICES includes the income of the waiver spouse in the non-waiver spouse's budget if both apply for or receive MA A, MA B, or MA D benefits. This will be modified to exclude the waiver spouse's income in the non-waiver spouse's budget when the waiver spouse passes the Special Income Level (SIL) test.

## **EDBC Requirements**

When a couple applies for or receives MA A, MA B, or MA D benefits and one of them is a Waiver recipient, the current functionality of EDBC will be modified to:

- Exclude the waiver spouse's income in the non-waiver spouse's budget when the waiver spouse passes the Special Income Level (SIL) test. This results in a single spend-down.
- Include the waiver spouse's income in the non-waiver spouse's budget when the waiver spouse fails the Special Income Level (SIL) test and passes the regular eligibility determination. This results in a couple spend-down.
- Include the waiver spouse's income in the non-waiver spouse's budget when the waiver spouse fails the Special Income Level (SIL) test and fails the regular eligibility determination. This results in a single spend-down.

The above rules are applicable to all types of waivers (not just SS and DD).

There is no change to EDBC functionality when the waiver is pending.